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From: Kumar, Ashij (EC)
Sent: Thur 9/22/2016 6:26:37 PM
Subject: RE: Blurb for PRoP post

Moved words around.. shortened a bit.. inserted some language in [] sine probably better to say why we're creating targets / establishing lists.. can link infographic too if ready.

Make whatever changes you want / revert back to your old version. Then send to Chris and Carla. Then we'll translate.

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2016 Progress Report of the Parties

Canada and the United States are pleased to release the first Progress Report of the Parties, documenting the actions taken since the 2012 Great lakes Water Quality Agreement (GLWQA) took effect in February 2013.

This new reporting requirement under the Agreement helps strengthen the accountability of the Parties by clearing and publicly documenting the binational and domestic activities and accomplishments of Canada and the United States in the first three years of implementing the 2012 GLWQA.

The report documents the significant progress achieved, with exceptional help from our partners, including activities such as establishing phosphorus reduction targets for Lake Erie [in order to address the toxics and nuisance algae problem in the lakes] and designating the first set of Chemicals of Mutual Concern [to take action on].

- PRP pdf link
- Infographic link (if done)

From: Schardt, James [mailto:schardt.james@epa.gov]
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2016 Parties Report of the Parties

In 2012, Canada and the United States significantly revised the GLWQA to strengthen and modernize the Agreement and included a new requirement for a Progress Report of the Parties (Report) to be issued once every three years “to document actions relating to this Agreement”. This reporting requirement strengthens the accountability provisions of the Agreement, with the Report to be provided to the public and the International Joint Commission. Consistent with that requirement, the Parties are pleased to release this first Progress Report of the Parties, documenting the actions taken since the 2012 Agreement took effect in February of 2013.

This report outlines the significant progress achieved over the first three years of the implementation of the Agreement’s Articles and ten Annexes. The accomplishments demonstrate the Parties efforts to protect this vital treasure and fulfill their promises made under the Agreement.

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